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1. THE ADVISORY GROUP FOR AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (AGARD), LOCATED NEAR PARIS, IS A NATO AGENCY OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE LOCATED IN BRUSSELS.

2. AGARD'S MISSION IS TO BRING TOGETHER THE LEADING PERSONALITIES IN THE NATO NATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF MOBILIZING THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SKILLS, MANPOWER AND FACILITIES.

3. AGARD'S OPERATING EXPENSES ARE PROVIDED FROM A BUDGET REVIEWED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS AND FUNDED BY THE VARIOUS MEMBER NATIONS.

4. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AGARD FROM MEMBER NATIONS ARE EITHER AGAINST NATO FUNDED POSITIONS OR ARE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL LOANED BY NATO NATIONS ON A NONREIMBURSABLE BASIS (NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR NVC).

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5. THE CURRENT US STAFF IN AGARD TOTALS EIGHT

(SIX US MILITARY NVC PERSONNEL; ONE US NASA CIVILIAN NVC, MR. FISCHER REFERRED TO IN REFTEL; AND ONE NATO FUNDED SECRETARY). THE US STAFFING WILL INCREASE TO NINE AS OF JULY 1, 1976 WHEN UNDER THE ROTATIONAL RULE THE NEW DIRECTOR OF AGARD WILL BE AN AMERICAN NVC. THE NAME ARTHUR HASLER IN REFTEL IS NOT KNOWN TO AGARD.

6. US PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AGARD EITHER AGAINST NATO FUNDED POSITIONS OR IN NVC POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY EMBASSY PARIS AND HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE US DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED FOR CONCURRENCE OR NON-CONCURRENCE OF SUCH AMERICAN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AGARD. THE EMBASSY DOES PROVIDE APO, COMMISSARY AND OTHER SERVICES TO US AGARD PERSONNEL AS A COURTESY.

7. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT GRANTS A LIMITED DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO US AND OTHER FOREIGNERS ASSIGNED TO AGARD INCLUDING SPECIAL CD LICENSE PLATES, DUTY-FREE GASOLINE, ETC.
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